

# Installation of Zeek on Ubuntu 20

Version 20220518

- Deploy a VM from "Templ\_Ubuntu\_Server\_20.04"
- Make sure the network is connected to something
- Make sure your deployed VM received an IP-address from DHCP or otherwise set a manual IP-address (see instruction in the login banner) and has Internet access
- Now perform the following:  
`sudo apt update  
sudo apt upgrade`
- In next step, we enable package installation from an external source (connect to your VM with SSH to copy-and-paste) by copying the following oneliners (*make sure they stay oneliners when copying and pasting!*):

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echo 'deb  
http://download.opensuse.org/repositories/security:/zeek/xUbuntu_20.04/ /'  
| sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/security:zeek.list

curl -fsSL  
https://download.opensuse.org/repositories/security:zeek/xUbuntu_20.04/Rel  
ease.key | gpg --dearmor | sudo tee  
/etc/apt/trusted.gpg.d/security_zeek.gpg > /dev/null

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sudo apt update  
sudo apt install zeek-lts
```

- When asked for Postfix mail configuration, choose "no configuration"
- Now execute  
`export PATH=/opt/zeek/bin:$PATH`
- Now follow the quick start guide steps 1-2-3  
<https://docs.zeek.org/en/current/quickstart/index.html> and edit the following config files according your own network (private VLAN):
  - `sudo nano /opt/zeek/etc/node.cfg`  
interface=ens160
  - `sudo nano /opt/zeek/etc/networks.cfg`  
only your local LAN or DMZ
  - `sudo nano /opt/zeek/etc/zeekctl.cfg`  
LogRotationInterval = 86400  
MailConnectionSummary = 0  
MailHostUpDown = 0
- Continue the quick start guide and start the control application:
  - `sudo /opt/zeek/bin/zeekctl`
  - `check`
  - `deploy`
  - `status`
  - `exit`
- Note: If there are errors after `deploy`, you can view the details with the `diag` command. If started successfully, the Zeek instance will begin analyzing traffic according to a default policy and output the results in directory `/opt/zeek/logs/current` and it keeps running after exiting the control application
- If zeek started properly you can access the log files from the command line:
  - `sudo chmod 777 -R /opt/zeek/logs`
  - `sudo chmod 777 -R /opt/zeek/spool`
  - `cd /opt/zeek/logs/current`

- Now browse the log files and analyse some of them. Live logging can be viewed with the tail -f command (stop with CTRL-C). You should see all machines traffic being analysed in separate log files and all connections should appear anyway in the conn.log (= Flow Logging):
  - `tail -f /opt/zeek/logs/current/conn.log`
- Check all logfiles and explain what you see. Determine if the entries in weird.log and notice.log can be regarded as false-positives. Show relevant log lines (or screenshots) in your portfolio. Note:  
*Check the "Browsing Log Files" section of the mentioned quick start guide for more explanation about the (other) log files.*

**Resources:**

Instruction: <https://kifarunix.com/install-zeek-on-ubuntu/>

Software repository: <https://software.opensuse.org/download.html?project=security%3Azeek&package=zeek-lts#manualUbuntu>

Installation of Zeek: <https://docs.zeek.org/en/current/install/install.html>

Quick Start Guide for Zeek: <https://docs.zeek.org/en/current/quickstart.html>